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TOWN OFFICERS

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WILTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1916-1917

Moderator

GEORGE G. TOLFORD

Selectmen

STEPHEN A. PIERCE WILLIAM E. HICKEY
WHITNEY M. FRYE

Town Clerk

EDWIN A. FRENCH

Town Treasurer

HAROLD D. CHEEVER

Auditors

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, ARTEMUS O. BARKER

Supervisors of Check List

FRANK H. PORRITT WILLIAM L. STANTON
FRED G. AUSTIN

Water Board

FRED C. SANBORN JOHN F. HERLIHY
ELMER F. RICHARDSON

Superintendent of Water Works

T. F. BRODERICK

Cemetery Trustees

DAVID WHITING GEORGE G. TOLFORD
EDWARD W. HESSELTON

Board of Health

SELECTMEN G. W. HATCH, M. D. Agent

Library Trustees

D. E. PROCTOR GEORGE G. BLANCHARD
DANIEL CRAGIN DAVID WHITING

Trustees of Trust Funds

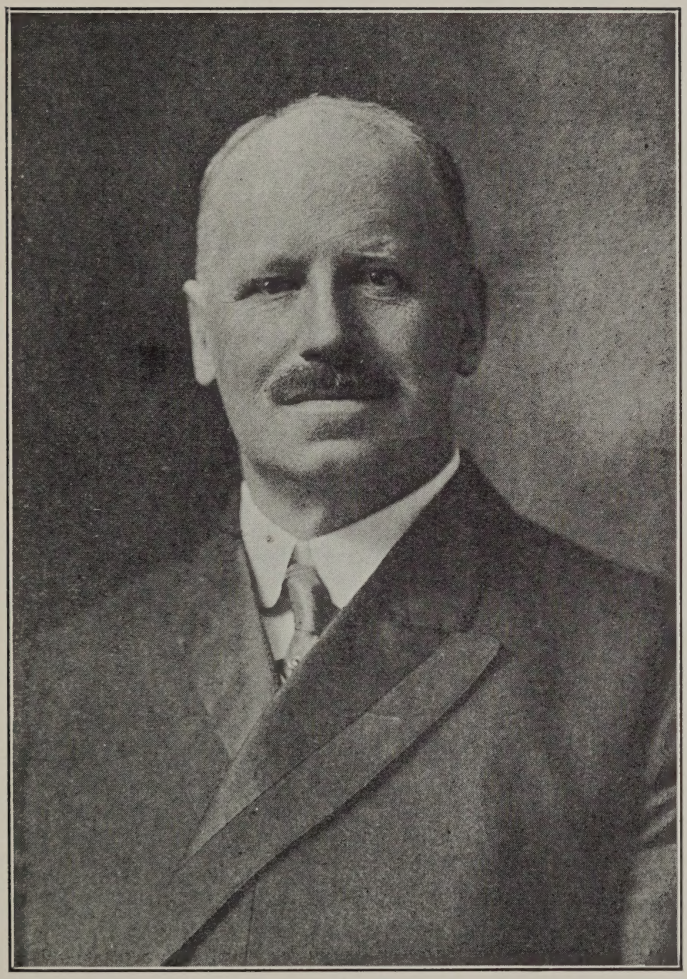
JOSHUA F. FRYE DAVID WHITING
WILLIAM L. STANTON

Board of Engineers

DANIEL M. BRENNAN JOHN F. HERLIHY
EDWARD J. HOPKINS

Overseer of Poor

C. E. PUTNAM



THE HON. GEORGE EDWARD BALES

Born in Wilton, N. H., September 14, 1862.
Passed away November 9, 1916.

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to appear at the town house in said Wilton, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To hear the reports of town officers, agents and committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray town charges for the ensuing year, including maintenance of poor, repair of roads and bridges, Memorial day observance, street lighting, hydrants, flushing of sewers, maintenance of water works and sewers, State and County tax, interest on debt, board of health, printing, fire department, insect pests, sidewalks, cemeteries, police department, serial notes and Free Library.

4. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall on Memorial day and evening to Abiel A. Livermore Post 71, G. A. R.

5. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for the public schools for memorial exercises and one evening to the graduating class of the High school.

6. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town house to the Fire Department for the annual party.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for care and maintenance of permanent roads and raise and appropriate money for the same, constructed with state aid.

8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the completion of the grade near the Baptist church, Wilton Center.

9. To see what action the town will take in relation to construction of State Aid roads, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

10. To see what action the town will take in regard to oiling Main Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the steam roller, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see what action the town will take in regard to allowing a discount on taxes.

13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes as provided by the law of 1907.

14. To see what action the town will take in relation to straightening the highway near the Dale bridge, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the compound water meters owned by the water works.

16. To see if the town will vote to install an electric light on Clark Street and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the present Municipal Court, and will authorize the use of the Selectmen's room for such cases as may come before a qualified Justice of the Peace.

18. To see if the town will vote to straighten the highway between John Sheldon's and William Berry's and raise and appropriate money for the same.

19. To see if the town will vote to build an annex to the present High School and raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for the same.

20. To see if the town will vote to employ a night watchman and raise and appropriate money for the same.

21. To see what action the town will take in relation to a suitable place for coasting.

22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks when they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen.

STEPHEN A. PIERCE,
WILLIAM E. HICKEY,
WHITNEY M. FRYE,
Selectmen of Wilton.

Inventory of Property

Inventory of property found in town April 1916

Polls	449
Land and buildings	$1,028,735 00
Horses, 285	33,120 00
Asses and mules, 3	230 00
Oxen, 8	875 00
Cows, 521	29,410 00
Neat stock, 47	1,780 00
Sheep, 61	295 00
Hogs, 19	215 00
Fowls, 2,594	1,606 00
Vehicles, 166	30,285 00
Municipal bonds and notes	5,000 00
Stock in National bank in this State	6,270 73
Wood and lumber	57,725 00
Portable mills, 7	3,025 00
Money on hand at interest or deposit	38,733 47
Stock in trade	68,750 00
Aqueducts, mills and machinery	79,190 00
Total valuation, exclusive of exemption	$1, 384,345 20
Tax rate $2.00 on $100.00	
Amount of taxes	$27,686 90
Polls	898 00
Additional taxes assessed	152 00
Amount committed to Collector	$28,736 90
Exempted to soldiers. their wives and widows, property value	$5,925 00

RAILROAD STOCK OWNED IN TOWN

Boston & Maine	226
Chester & Deering R. R. Association	63
Concord & Montreal	244
Fitchburg	201
Manchester & Lawrence	106
Nashua & Lowell	265
Northern	125
Peterborough	126
Wilton	319
Boston & Lowell	9

Schedule of Town Property

Town House	$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	700 00
Public Library	50,000 00
Furniture and equipment	6,000 00
Fire house and land	1,000 00
Auto truck, chemicals, ladder, truck, hose, furniture and other equipment	2,500 00
Tool house and land	800 00
Road machine, snow plows and roller, tools, drags and bridge girders	675 00
Wilton Water Works	70,000 00
Sewers	15,000 00
Sealers outfit	100 00
Town hearse	200 00
Miscellaneous	100 00
	$172,075 00

Report of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Wilton:

Your Selectmen submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917:—

It is with regret we were called to chronicle the death of our foremost citizen, the Hon. George Edward Bales, the past year. In the death of Mr. Bales the town has lost a most valued citizen, one who brought honor to and was honored by his native town.

In the many years of service he had given his town, he had filled the office of tax collector, town treasurer, and member of the school board, trustee of the public library, town moderator for many years and judge of the municipal court; twice elected as representative to the general court and had served as a member of the state forestry and railroad commission. His was a life that was well and usefully lived. Upright in heart and true honesty, always approachable, a public official beyond reproach. His absence will ever be keenly felt. He has done the work of a true man.

Permanent Improvements

By your vote, your board has caused to be built a substantial concrete, arch bridge over the river on the French Village road. We have every reason to believe it is well and honestly built. A good, strong railing is much needed at both ends of the bridge and recommend you take action thereon.

Some 2300 feet of permanent road has been built through that section commonly known as the island, making a much needed and desirable improvement at one of the main entrances to the town, and we recommend a continuance of the work the coming year.

Despite the fact that the flag pole was a gift from Mr. George G. Blanchard, we found the appropriation was inadequate to equip and erect the same. We think we were justified in exceeding the amount appropriated. July 4th the pole was dedicated with appropriate exer-

cises and "our flag of the free unfurled to the breeze."

Highways

Unfinished repairs caused by heavy rains of 1915, the wet and unseasonable spring of the present year, combined with the unusual snow storms of the past winter caused a very large outlay of money. Our appropriation is greatly over-drawn as a result of these expenditures. The amount of money appropriated is not sufficient for ordinary repairs of the roads. While they are in much better shape than most country roads you should carefully consider this matter in making your appropriations for the ensuing year.

The money voted for lowering the grade, adjacent to the Baptist church at Middletown was insufficient. We recommend an appropriation to complete the work. The past year several citizens have made gifts of money to the highway department for road improvements, on condition the town expend an equal amount. Believing we were acting for the interest of the town we have accepted the gifts and conditions of same.

On account of the large amount of timber that is being cut, it is doubtful if we can hold our present valuation. A tax rate of over two dollars a hundred is a detriment to any town and a strong effort should be made to keep our rate within this limit.

Much money will be asked for at our annual meeting and every appropriation should be carefully considered.

Feb. 15, 1913 the net debt of the town was $71,603.96. Feb. 15, 1916, net debt $64,748.06. We expect the present year will show a further decrease. A large amount of interest money is paid annually to carry this debt. We suggest a committee be appointed to formulate a plan to properly care for this debt and devise means for payment of same.

The steam roller, through the State Highway Department, was hired for work in several towns. We have no money as yet in payment and have been unable to get a statement of amount due the town. At the adjourned town meeting you voted to authorize the selectmen to borrow money on the town notes to pay for the new bridge. We thought it undesirable to borrow money

for this purpose and have succeeded in completing the work without increasing the town debt.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN A. PIERCE,
WILLIAM E. HICKEY,
WHITNEY M. FRYE,
Selectmen of Wilton.

Town Expenditures

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid:		
S. A. Pierce, selectman	$200 00	
W. E. Hickey, selectman	150 00	
W. M. Frye, selectman	150 00	
Geo. W. Bean, tax collector	150 00	
H. D. Cheever, town treasurer	100 00	
E. A. French, town clerk, salary and expenses	71 95	
Geo. E. Bales Est., moderator	10 00	
F. N. Gray, supervisor	8 00	
F. H. Porritt, supervisor	16 00	
W. L. Stanton, supervisor	16 00	
Fred G. Austin, supervisor	8 00	
F. N. Gray, ballot clerk	3 00	
Geo. W. Bean, ballot clerk	6 00	
Frank L. Davis, ballot clerk	9 00	
M. E. Kennedy, ballot clerk	3 00	
A. T. Willett, ballot clerk	3 00	
D. M. Brennan, ballot clerk	1 50	
Bales & Cheever, town counsel	25 00	
A. O. Barker, auditor	5 00	
Total		$935 45

MEMORIAL DAY

A. A. Livermore Post, 71, G. A. R.	$75 00

COUNTY TAX

Albert H. White, County treasurer	$2,246 24

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Paid by Selectmen:	
Snow bills, 1916-17	$ 680 39
P. F. Sullivan	5 70
Nathan Cragin	1 25

H. Bickford	4 00	
H. D. Cheever, insurance tool house	6 00	
J. Farrington, Frye railings	54 34	
Whitney M. Frye, road leveller	39 65	
John Sheldon	8 25	
Charles Sheldon	9 10	
Frank Wood, weekly pay roll	4,436 60	
Total		$5,245 28

Credits

Simpson C. Heald	$50 00	
Davisville collector, money & gravel	200 00	
Mrs. Arthur Dunning	19 80	
Sale of plank	6 00	

SIDEWALKS

Frank Wood		$87 38

BRIDGES

Frank Wood	$98 20	
D. Whiting & Sons, bridge plank	39 90	
Cook Lumber Co., bridge plank,	74 84	
Freight	7 45	
W. E. Hickey, expense to Concord	3 50	
Storrs & Storrs, advice rendered	36 36	
Total		$260 25

LOWERING GRADE AT WILTON CENTER

Frank Wood, labor and material		$418 29

TEMPORARY BRIDGE

H. H. Livermore, lumber	$8 80	
J. V. Tuttle, bar across road	1 00	
E. F. Blanchard, caring for lights	6 00	
W. E. Hickey, paid labor	4 60	
F. W. Clark, hardware	6 35	
M. P. Stanton Est,, oil	1 30	
M. J. Herlihy, stock and material	6 00	
		$34 05

NEW BRIDGE

Sanders Engineering Co.	$4,197 50	
Milford Cabinet, advertising	80	
Storrs & Storrs, consulting engineers	50 00	
S. A. Pierce, inspecting and painting	52 50	
Frank Wood, work on retaining wall and grading	141 73	
John Whalin, labor	20 00	
		$4,462 53

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

J. Victor Tuttle, patrolman, $3.50 per day		
For labor and material		$706 72

Credits

By State oil and paint	$ 66 13	
By cash paid Town	320 30	
Total		$386 43
Appropriation by Town	$450 00	
Appropriation by State	450 00	
Total		$900 00
Balance in State Treasury		$63 57
Balance in Town Treasury		$63 58

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Labor and material		$394 16

Credits

By cash from State	$124 27	
By oil	82 80	
		$207 07

STATE JOINT FUND ACCOUNT

Clarence Weston, foreman	$3 50 per day	
Road levelers	2 50 per day	
Oliver Pelleren, roller, man	3 25 per day	
Laborers	2 25 per day	
Teams	5 00 per day	
Labor and material		$2,694 81

Credits

From State, cash	$426 78	
From State, disbursements	86 97	
Total		$513 75
Appropriation, State	$ 513 75	
Town	2055 00	
		$2568 75
Overdraft		$213 00

STEAM ROLLER

Buffalo Steam Roller Co., rent	$750 00	
Supplies	4 75	
A. T. Willett, supplies	1 00	
George Bresnahan, labor	5 00	
Nathan Cragin, repairs	3 75	
D. Whiting & Son, supplies	25 69	
Housing roller	6 00	
Oliver Pellren, labor and supplies	38 76	
		$834 95

Credits

D. Whiting & Son, refund on overcharge	$17 18
Use of roller	5 00

STREET LIGHTING

Milford Light & Power Co	$1034 84	
F. W. Clark, supplies	65	
M. E. Kennedy	3 00	
E. A. French	1 62	
		$1,040 11

Credit

Overpayment, Milford Light & Power Co.	$1 00

SEWERS

D. Whiting & Son, supplies	$ 93	
George D. May, labor	4 50	
T. F. Broderick, labor	36 55	
Frank Wood, labor	4 00	
		$45 98

WATER WORKS

T. F. Broderick, labor	$ 87 14	
George D. May, labor	10 50	
Frank Wood, labor	43 72	
Braman Dow & Co. supplies	71 03	
Thomas Groom & Co. supplies	1 10	
National Meter Co.	58 88	
Ring's Ambrosia, printing	2 25	
Michael Kelley, labor	3 10	
James P. Melzer, printing	2 75	
H. A. Joslyn, labor	9 60	
Town of Wilton, rent of room	50 00	
Fred C. Sanborn, water commissioner	50 00	
expenses	9 05	
Stamps and telephone	1 16	
E. F. Richardson, water commissioner	25 00	
J. F. Herlihy, water commissioner	25 00	
P. F. Sullivan, supplies	3 15	
		$453 43

HYDRANTS, SEWERS & WATERING TROUGHS

Wilton Water W'ks, hyd'nt service	$1530 00	
flushing sewers	1500 00	
watering troughs	36 00	
E. M. Purdy, watering trough	3 00	
		$3069 00

CEMETERIES

E. W. Hesselton, labor	$345 93

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

B. M. Pease, M. D.	$ 75	
C. E. Higgins, M. D.	5 00	
G. W. Hatch, M. D.	7 25	
		$13 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Milford Light & Power Co.	$ 15 16
M. P. Stanton Est, supplies	4 29
P. J. Abbot Est., supplies	2 00

Thomas Broderick, labor	1 30	
Ditto	90	
American LaFrance Engine Co	11 82	
H. D. Cheever, insurance fire station	6 25	
Chemical	12 50	
Wilton Water Works	6 00	
E. J. Hopkins, repairs and labor	18 58	
D. Whiting & Son, steam for whistle & supplies	138 55	
Henry Herlihy, pay roll Co. 1	165 00	
Michael Kennedy, pay roll Co. 2	150 00	
J. R. Killkelley, pay roll. Co. 3	165 00	
Michael Shea, janitor	39 00	
J. F. Herlihy, fire ward	15 00	
E. J. Hopkins, fire ward	15 00	
D. M. Brennan, chief	30 00	
Frank L. Davis, supplies	9 21	
		$805 56

Credit

Use of truck	$5 00

APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE HOSE

Eurika Fire Hose Co.	$275 00

PRINTING

James P. Melzer, printing check list	$ 13 50	
Milford Cabinet, town and school reports	101 75	
S. A. Pierce, mileage and express on town reports	1 50	
Ring's Ambrosia, order books and letter paper	4 50	
Edson C. Eastman, tax collec'r's bk.	4 55	
Milford Cabinet, selectmen's notices	50	
Total		$126 30

SCHOOLS

Nellie B. Cheever	$7,500 00	
Balance literary and school fund	221 66	
Total		$7,721 66

MOTHS

Archie Thompson	$14 50	
D. Vinton Pierce	2 50	
Samuel Cabot Inc., creosote	2 15	
Total		$19 15

DAMAGE BY DOGS

E. F. Richardson	$25 00	
Philip Heald	90 00	
Total		$115 00

Credit

Recovered from owner of dog	$25 00

FOREST FIRES

W. E. Hickey	$67 95

Credit

From State Treasurer	33 98

FLAG POLE

W. E. Hickey, labor and expenses	$25 10	
John Whalen, labor	8 65	
James Hoag, labor	6 30	
Walworth Mfg. Co., outfit for pole	19 00	
Kennedy Bros., labor	4 40	
H. A. Joslyn, labor	1 50	
D. Whiting & Sons, material	6 43	
Total		$71 38

TOWN HOUSE

John Raymond, janitor	$234 85
John Raymond, supplies	11 21
Milford Light & Power Co.	146 27
Smith & Broderick, supplies	45
Geo. E. Bales, insurance	76 00
Federal tax	25 00
John W. Knox, piano tuning	2 50
Kennedy Bros., cartage	5 10
F. C. Sanborn, repairing clock	1 00

Draper Bros., repairing clock	50	
White Mt. Freezer Co., wood	10 50	
T. F. Broderick, labor	1 35	
Federal tax	25 00	
D. Whiting & Sons, coal	200 83	
Wilton Water Works	36 60	
W. E. Foster, supplies	75	
M. P. Stanton Est., toilet paper	20	
E. A. French, supplies	17 06	
Total		$795 17

Credits

Rent of Town House	$630 35	
Rent of water room	50 00	
Rent of room Mrs. F. B. Archibald	13 00	
Storage of ambulance	12 00	
Refund on Federal tax	37 50	
Total		$762 85

Special Appropriation

D. Sumner, labor	$ 31 50	
John Whalen, labor	8 25	
W. E. Foster, stock and labor	18 02	
James Hoag, labor	27 60	
G. W. Moore, stock and labor	30 18	
M. J. Herlihy, stock and labor	19 61	
P. F. Sullivan, material	2 40	
F. W. Clark, hardware	24 57	
W. E. Hickey, material, paint and labor	106 15	
Anthony Laponsie	112 00	
Total		$380 28

POLICE DEPARTMENT

W. E. Hickey, chief	$60 00
Supplies and repairs to station	3 30
Dog officer	15 00
Food bills	2 10
Service July 3 and 4	5 00
A. T. Willett, bed clothing	5 00
Special police July 3 and 4	5 00

Fred G. Austin, special July 3 and 4	5 00	
Frank E. Proctor, special July 3 & 4	5 00	
Geo. E. Bales Est., rent of lobby	48 00	
M. P. Stanton Est., food	3 67	
E. A. French, supplies	4 01	
Total		$161 08

BOARD OF HEALTH

C. A. Hayward, nursing and board for Purdy boy	$50 00	
W. I. Durgin, suppl's for fumigating	33 25	
G. W. Hatch, M. D., Health Officer	34 50	
Total		$117 75

MISCELLANEOUS

Souhegan Nat'l Bank, deposit box	$ 5 00
H. D. Cheever, stamps for town treas	32 72
W. E. Foster, selectmen's box	1 25
Waldo Bros., 3 doz. shovels	27 00
E. E. Rider, blue prints	1 50
W. I. Durgin, pencil sharpener	1 00
D. Whiting & Sons, lumber for signs	1 51
John H. Broderick, road signs	25 50
N. J. Quigley, teams	19 00
W. E. Foster, supplies	1 12
C. B. Smith and Nathan Cragin, repairs on Hartwell team	16 85
Geo. E. Bales, bonds for town treasurer, tax collector, road agent and trustees of trust funds	38 51
S. N. Center, supplies	2 37
F. W. Clark, supplies for state road	7 11
N. J. Quigley, teams	10 75
P. F. Sullivan, tools for state road	5 41
Book for trustees of trust funds	4 84
Whitney M. Frye, stamps	2 39
Mileage	1 53
Stone picks	1 50
Use of auto	23 50
W. E. Hickey, supplies	1 00
S. A. Pierce, bounty paid	4 40
Dinners of selectmen and election of-	

ficers	7 50	
2 trips to Concord, 4 to Manchester	13 50	
Telephone, postage, express	13 04	
Kennedy Bros., cartage	60	
W. F. French, tools for state road	1 51	
		$271 91

SUMMARY

No. orders drawn by Selectment 313		
Total amount		$34,291 75
Highways	$5,245 28	
Street lights	1,040 11	
Fire department	805 56	
Fire hose	275 00	
Town house	795 17	
Printing	126 30	
Schools	7,721 66	
Trunk line maintenance	706 72	
State Aid maintenance	394 16	
Water Works	453 43	
Moths	19 15	
Town officers	935 45	
Sewers	45 98	
Memorial day	75 00	
Flag pole	71 38	
County tax	2,246 24	
Cemeteries	345 93	
Forest fires	67 95	
Joint fund account	2,694 81	
Bridges	260 25	
Dog damage	115 00	
Sidewalks	87 38	
Wilton Center grade	418 29	
Hydrants and sewers	3,069 00	
Births and deaths	13 00	
Miscellaneous	271 91	
Temporary bridge	34 05	
New bridge	4,462 53	
Police department	161 08	
Board of Health	117 75	
Steam roller	834 95	
Town house special	380 28	
Total		$34,290 75

Over payment Milford Light & Power Co.	1 00
	$34,291 75

MONEYS RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN AND PAID TOWN TREASURER

State treasurer, balance 1915 joint fund account		$ 77 58
Rent of town house		650 35
Pedlers' licenses		16 00
Junk licenses		24 00
American Express damage claim		3 00
State Treas. Trunk Line maintenance		320 30
State Treas., State Aid maintenance		124 27
Amini & Belli, pool and billiard licenses		50 00
Simpson C. Heald for highways		50 00
State treasurer town share liquor license fees		10 24
State treasurer, forest fires		33 98
Alice Wells, motion picture license		50 00
Sale of old cart		10 00
Davisville collection for highways		180 95
State treasurer		
Insurance tax	$ 50 62	
Railroad	876 82	
Savings Bank	1,490 90	
Literary fund	216 66	
Proportion school fund	1,565 00	
		4,200 00
Damage recov'd from owner of dog		25 00
Merry-go-round license		6 00
Dixie Daisy Co., license		2 00
Fire department, use of auto truck		5 00
Refund federal tax		12 50
D. Whiting & Sons refund on over charge		17 18
Storage of ambulance		12 00
Milford Light & Power Co., refund on over-payment		1 00

Sale of plank	6 00	
Mrs. Frances Archibald	13 00	
Mrs. Wells, refund federal tax	25 00	
D. Whiting & Son, use of roller	5 00	
Water company, rent of room	50 00	
State treasurer joint fund acct.	426 78	
Total		$6,407 13

We have examined the above account, finding it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM H. EMERSON,
A. O. BARKER,
Auditors of the Town of Wilton.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of town treasurer	$1731 55	
Accounts due town		
Taxes not collected, levy of 1915	118 88	
Taxes not collected, levy of 1916	1555 20	
Due from state:		
a. Joint highway accounts, Unexpended balance in state treas	63 57	
Other bills due town:		
a. Howard Furniture Co	53 25	
Total assets		$3,522 45
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		64,391 13
Grand total		$67,913 58

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:		
State and town joint highway accounts		
Unexpended balance in town treas	$63 58	
Long term notes outstanding	35,850 00	
Bonds outstanding	32,000 00	
Total liabilities		$67,913 58
Grand total		$67,913 58

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue from local taxes:	
1. Property and poll taxes, current year	$26,845 34
2. Property and poll taxes, previous years	3554 03
From State:	
5. For Highways,	
a. For state aid maintenance	124 27
b. For state aid construction	426 78
c. For trunk line maintenance	320 30
d. For trunk line construction	77 58
6. Insurance tax	50 62
7. Railroad tax	876 82
8. Savings bank tax	1490 90
10. Liquor licenses	10 24
11. For fighting forest fires	33 98
13. Literary fund	216 65
14. For education	1565 00
From local sources, except taxes:	
17. Dog licenses	214 80
18. All other licenses and permits	148 00
19. Fines and forfeits	108 84
20. Rent of town hall	762 85
Other sources of income	71 15
Fire department	5 00
Highway	246 95
Roller	22 18
Street lighting	1 00
American Express claim	3 00
Dog damage	25 00
Water works	5646 92
Total Current revenue receipts	$42,848 21
Receipts other than current revenue:	
24. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	7000 00
25. Long term notes issued during the year	2800 00
28. Cemetery refunds	58 50

AND PAYMENTS For year ending Feb 15, 1917.

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
1. Town officers' salaries & exp.	$935 45	
4. Care and supplies for town hall	1175 45	
Protection of persons and property:		
5. Police department	161 08	
6. Fire department	1080 56	
7. Moth extermination	19 15	
9. Damage by dogs	115 00	
Health:		
10. Health department	117 75	
11. Vital statistics	13 00	
Highways and bridges:		
12. State aid maintenance	394 16	
13. Trunk line maintenance	706 72	
15. Street lighting	1040 11	
16. General exp. of highway dep't	5245 28	
17. Bridges	294 30	
18. Forest fires	67 95	
19. Cemeteries	345 93	
Patriotic purposes:		
20. Memorial day and other cel'tions	75 00	
Public service enterprises:		
23. Water supply system	453 43	
24. Sewer maintenance	45 98	
25. Printing	126 30	
26. Flag pole	71 38	
27. Hydrants and sewers	3069 00	
28. Steam roller	834 95	
29. Miscellaneous	271 91	
30. Overpayment, Milford L.&P. Co	1 00	
Total current maintenance expenses		$16,660 84
Interest:		
31. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$149 67	
32. Paid on long term notes·	1405 23	
33. Paid on bonded debt	1340 00	
Total interest payments		$2,894 90

Town of Wilton, N. H.	RECEIPTS
Primaries	8 00
Total receipts other than current revenue	9866 50
Total receipts from all sources	$52,714 71
Cash on hand at beginning of year	7,178 29
Grand total	$59,893 00

AND PAYMENTS For year ending Feb. 15, 1917.

Outlay for New Construction & Permanent Improv'mts.		
34. Highways and bridges—state aid construction	$2694 81	
35. Ditto, town construction	4880 82	
36. Sidewalk construction	87 38	
Total Outlay Payments		$7,663 01
Indebtedness:		
38. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$7000 00	
39. Payment on long term notes	6650 00	
40. Payment on bonded debt	3000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		$16,650 00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
42. Taxes paid to state	$2640 00	
43. Taxes paid to county	2246 24	
45. Payments to school districts	9406 46	
Total Pay'ts to other Gov'mental divs.		$14,292 70
Total Payments for all Purposes		$58,161 45
Cash on hand at end of the year		$1,731 55
Grand Total		$59,893 00

ESTIMATES FOR APPROPRIATIONS

The following estimates have been made for appropriations necessary to meet current expenses for the ensuing year:

Highways	$3500 00
Bridges	500 00
Sidewalks	100 00
State Tax	2640 00
County Tax	2246 24
Interest on Notes and Bonds	3000 00
Fire Department	900 00
Forest Fires	100 00
Street Lighting	1100 00
Town Officers	1000 00
Police and Lobby	150 00
Public Library	500 00
Support of Poor	100 00
Hearse and Cemeteries	500 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Insect Pests	25 00
Printing and Stationery	150 00
Miscellaneous	300 00
Board of Health	100 00

Report of Town Treasurer

For Year Ending February 15, 1917.

Dr.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1916	$ 7,178 29	
Cash received from:		
Selectmen	6,407 13	
Tax Collector	30,399 37	
Water Commissioners	5,646 92	
All other sources, including temporary loans	9937 65	
Town Clerk, dog licenses	214 80	
Municipal Court	108 84	
Total Receipts		$59,893 00

Cr.

Paid:		
Temporary notes	$7,000 00	
Outstanding notes	6650 00	
Three water bonds	3000 00	
May & Nov. water coupons	1340 00	
Interest on notes	1554 90	
State tax	2640 00	
School district treasurer, balance due on state and literary funds	1560 00	
Dog license	124 80	
Selectmen's orders	34,291 75	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917	1,731 55	
		$59,893 00

H. D. CHEEVER,
Town Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1917

16 5-20 notes		$5,700 00
27 notes issued prior to Feb. 15, 1909		13,450 00
28 notes issued since Feb. 15, 1909		16,700 00
32 refunding Water bonds		32,000 00
		$67,850 00
Less cash in treasury	$1,731 55	
Available means consisting of uncollected taxes for 1916 and 1915	1,674 08	
		3,405 63
Net debt Feb 15, 1917		$64,444 37
Net debt Feb 15, 1916		64,748 06
Net decrease		$303 69
Actual town debt Feb 15, 1916		$74,700 00
Actual town debt Feb 15, 1917		$67,850 00
Actual decrease		$6850 00

H. D. CHEEVER,
Town Treasurer.

WILTON CEMETERY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Dr.

Feb. 15, 1916. Received from R. M. Moore, Treas,	$3,528 58

Cr.

May 9, 1916. Paid Trustees for Trust Funds, Wilton, N. H.	$3,528 58

H. D. CHEEVER,
Town Treasurer.

As auditors of Wilton we hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Town Treasurer and find it correct.

W. H. EMERSON,
A. O. BARKER,
Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector

Dr.

1915		
Balance uncollected as last report	$3,647 55	
Interest	65 36	
		$3,712 91

Cr.

By abatements	$ 40 00	
Uncollected	118 88	
Paid H. D. Cheever, Treasurer	3,554 03	
		$3,712 91

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR A. MOORE,
Collector.

George W. Bean, In account with the Town of Wilton

Dr.

Total tax levy for 1916	$28,582 91	
Total tax added since April 1st	152 60	
Interest collected since Dec. 1st	20 89	
		$28,756 40

Cr.

Over tax and abatement	$ 207 70	
2 per cent discount abatement	148 16	
Uncollected taxes Feb. 15, 1917	1,555 20	
Paid H. D. Cheever, Treasurer	26,845 34	
		$28,756 40

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE W. BEAN,
Tax Collector 1916.

We have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, finding them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. H. EMERSON,
A. O. BARKER,
Auditor of the Town of Wilton.

Report of Cemetery Committee

The grounds of the several cemeteries have been well kept and are in an improved condition. There are no outstanding bills contracted by the committee. All the incomes from the special deposits have been expended as seemed best on the individual lots and the same are in good condition.

The committee would suggest that the sum of $400.00 for the general care of the cemeteries be raised and appropriated and in addition that the sum of $100.00 be raised and appropriated for permanent roads and improvement of Mt. Calvary cemetery, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the cemetery committee. The above sum of $400 will be sufficient to provide a caretaker for the summer months, which the committee would advise.

DAVID WHITING,
GEO. G. TOLFORD,
EDWARD W. HESSELTON,
Cemetery Committee.

Financial Report

E. W. Hesselton. Account of Cemeteries

1916	
Feb. 14. Water rent for 1915	$ 6 00
Feb. 21. Padlock for tomb	25
April 29. H. F. Willis	6 50
May 6. H. F. Willis	12 00
May 10. Creosote	25
May 13. H. F. Willis	12 00
May 20. H. F. Willis	5 75
May 23. Repair lawn mower & exp.	2 95
May 23. Smith & Broderick, turning on water	5 53
May 27. H. F. Willis	10 00
M. E. Kennedy, team	3 75

N. J. Quigley, team for North & South yards	1 50	
E. W. Hesselton	50 00	
Lawn mower	8 50	
		$124 98
June 30. H. F. Willis	$33 00	
E. W. Hesselton	22 00	
		$55 00
July 31. H. F. Willis	$ 5 00	
E. W. Hesselton	16 00	
Water rent	6 00	
Duster for hearse	65	
Aug. 31 .H F. Willis	14 00	
E. W. Hesselton	8 00	
Sharpening lawn mower	75	
		$50 40
Sept. 30. H. F. Willis	$28 00	
John Weston, mowing North & South yards	9 00	
Kennedy Bros., mowing Laurel Hill	3 50	
E. W. Hesselton	16 00	
Oct. 31. Kennedy Bros., teams	5 00	
Thos. Broderick shut'g off water	1 30	
E. W. Hesselton	20 00	
		$82 80
Nov. 30. E. W. Hesselton	$16 00	
Dec. 30. Kennedy Bros., team	3 75	
E. W. Hesselton	10 00	
Jan. E. W. Hesselton	3 00	
		$32 75
		$345 93
Amount received for care of lots		55 50
		$290 43
Amount appropriated by town		$500 00
Less amount expended		345 93
Unexpended balance		$154 07

Report of Overseer of the Poor

For Year Ending Feb. 15, 1917

No Town Charges

County Charges

Paid:

Mrs. Jennie M. Hobbs, to Feb. 1, '17, for board of C. H. Goss	$104 58	
W. I. Durgin, medicine for tramps	25	
F. W. Clark, supplies for Geo. A. Towne, to Feb. 1, 1917	20 80	
G. G. Tolford, supplies for Geo. A. Towne, to Feb. 15, 1917	5 70	
Mrs. Jennie M. Hobbs, shoes for C. H. Goss	2 25	
W. H. Emerson, supplies for C. H. Goss	3 00	
W. E. Hickey, taking Thos. Lannon to Grasmere	2 49	
W. E. Hickey, moving Geo. Wright to Grasmere	83	
C. E. Higgins, M. D., medical attendance for Geo. Wright	2 00	
Geo. W. Hatch, M. D., medical attendance for Geo. Wright	1 00	
M. P. Stanton Est., supplies for Mrs. Fred Beaudry, to Feb. 1, 1917	138 77	
G. G. Tolford, supplies for Mrs. Walter Heald, to Feb. 1, 1917	35 23	
E. A. French, supplies for Mrs. Walter Heald, to Feb. 1, 1917	63 53	
W. J. Quigley for moving Henry Fisher to Grasmere	5 00	
Carfare of John Westmoreland to Grasmere	61	
Cash paid for postage and telephone fees	1 61	
		$387 65

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. PUTNAM,
Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTING AND BINDING TOWN REPORTS OF WILTON

At the annual town meeting of March 1916 it was voted to have the town reports collected, arranged and bound. This work was entrusted to my care. Through the assistance of several persons the following has been accomplished: The school reports have been collected for the years ending March 1, 1846 to February 15, 1916 inclusive, except for the year ending March 1, 1851, and for the year ending March 1, 1853. It is possible that no school reports were issued those years. The reports of the selectmen and other town officers have been collected for the years ending March 1, 1849 to February 15, 1916 inclusive, except for the year ending March 1, 1851. No report was found for that year and it is possible that none was printed.

The selectmen's reports for the year ending March 1, 1849 and for the year ending March 1, 1850 were not in shape to be put into a bound volume, therefore it was thought best to have them reprinted and put in pamphlet form so they could be bound with the other reports.

No reports of the selectmen for the years previous to the one of March 1, 1849 could be found although there is reason to think that there were earlier reports of the selectmen and that they may date back to March 1846, the date that the first school report has been found.

There has also been collected copies of the Centennial Celebration at Wilton, September 25, 1839, copies of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the town, September 12, 1889, copies of the address of Isaac S. Whiting at the dedication of the Town House, January 1, 1885, and a few other reports connected with the town.

These reports have been bound and there are two sets of these reports. One set has been left at the safe at the Town House; the other set at the Gregg Free Library.

The expense has been $21.00 of which $10.00 was for printing and $11.00 for binding.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSHUA F. FRYE.

Report of Fire Department

Citizens of Wilton:—

In submitting our annual report we wish to congratulate you on the care and preparedness which has kept the fire loss at a very nominal figure.

The principal losses were Oct 4 at Geo. G. Tolford's residence; fire confined to the ell, damage comparatively small.

Feb. 20th still alarm for fire at Dick place, on Milford-Mason road; outbuilding destroyed.

We have had the usual number of chimney fires, also three gasolene fires with slight loss.

Early in the year the members of the department were saddened by the death of Chief Engineer P. J. Abbott, a sincere and devoted public servant. Subsequently E. J. Hopkins was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board, and as mechanician for the department, D. M. Brennan assuming the duties of Chief.

The equipment of the department is the same as last year, with the addition of 500 feet of new hose. This new hose is kept in the basement of the town house as we deem it unwise to house all of our equipment in the wooden building used as a fire station. Our thanks are due the Wilton Telephone Co. for installing a free service at the central station, facilitating the work of the department.

We take this opportunity to thank the people in general for their manifest appreciation of the efforts of their firemen.

D. M. BRENNAN,
J. F. HERLIHY,
E. J. HOPKINS,
Fire Wards.

Report of Water Commissioner

The Water Works System is on a good paying basis, returning a substantial net profit, over and above all expenses.

As will be seen by the financial report the water rentals collected during the year amount to $2,580.92, and this does not include the town's appropriation for hydrant service, watering troughs and flushing sewers.

The expense during the year for care and maintenance, construction work, etc., is $453.43, and the interest on the water bonds $1,340., making total expense of $1,793.43. As will be readily seen this leaves a satisfactory balance in favor of the water works.

Conditions at the reservoir the past year have been normal, with an ample quantity of water at all times, and analysis has shown the quality to be very satisfactory.

The same high water which necessitated making some repairs around the reservoir last year gullied out the road below the dam, and as this was not attended to at the time the Commissioners thought best to have it repaired this year, and the road has been put in excellent condition.

General Expense and Care of Water Works System

F. C. Sanborn, service as commis.	$50 00
J. F. Herlihy, services as commis.	25 00
E. F. Richardson, services as com.	25 00
Town of Wilton, rent of room	50 00
F. C. Sanborn, postage, express, etc.	10 21
T. F. Broderick, labor	74 74
W. F. Woods, labor	36 22
Geo. D. May, labor	4 25
Mike Kelley, labor	3 10
P. F. Sullivan, sharpening tools, etc	3 15
Braman Dow & Co., supplies	17 09
National Meter Co., material	1 64
Thomas Groom & Co., account book	1 10

J. P. Melzer, printing	2 75	
Rings Ambrosia Co., printing	2 25	
		$306 50

Construction Account

National Meter Co., 5 meters	$57 24	
Braman Dow & Co., pipe, etc.	53 94	
T. F. Broderick, labor	12 40	
Geo. D. May, labor	6 25	
W. F. Woods, labor	7 50	
H. A. Joslin, labor	9 60	
		$146 93

Financial Statement

Hydrant service, 51 @ $30	$1,530 00	
Flushing sewers	1,500 00	
Watering troughs, 6 @ $6 each	36 00	
Water rentals	2,580 92	
		$5,646 92
Paid to town treasurer		$5,646 92
Uncollected rentals		$165 40

Stock and Tools on Hand

Pipe line	$708 83	
Service pipe material, including two 6-inch compound meters	875 71	
Gasolene pump, engine and miscellaneous tools	255 04	
		$1839 58
Numberof connections reported previously		289
Number of connections added during the year		4

We find the construction account of the Wilton Water Works to be on Feb. 16, 1917 $58,719 00

FRED C. SANBORN
J. F. HERLIHY
E. F. RICHARDSON
Water Commissioners.

Report of Sewer Commissioners

T. F. Broderick, labor	$36 55	
W. F. Woods, labor	4 00	
D. Whiting & Sons, cement	93	
George D. May, labor	4 50	
		$45 98
Stock and tools on hand	$170 40	

Respectfully submitted

FRED C. SANBORN
J. F. HERLIHY
E. F. RICHARDSON
Sewer Commissioners.

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

JOSHUA F. FRYE, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM L. STANTON, *Clerk*,
DAVID WHITING, *Treasurer*.

There has been delivered to us Bank Books representing twenty-five trust funds. These funds are all Cemetery Trust Funds. These books now stand in the name of the Town of Wilton and are marked Trust Funds as required by Section 7, Chapter 162, of Laws passed January session 1915. The expenses of the trustees have been $5.00 for trustees bonds and $4.84 for a record book, a total of $9.84. The bond of the trustees is for $1000. There has been paid to Edward W. Hesselton $68.00 for labor on different lots. A statement of these funds, showing where they are deposited, the amount of each fund and the income and expense for each fund is presented.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSHUA F. FRYE,
For the Trustees.

We the auditors of Wilton certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correct: and that we have been shown the securities reported by the Trustees as in their possession.

W. H. EMERSON,
A. O. BARKER,
Auditors.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Wilton February 15, 1917

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
June 14, 1907	* Solon Tarbell Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	$100 00	3½%	$29 83	$4 51	$5 50	$28 84
June 14, 1907	M. A. Peabody Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	100 00	3½%	18 57	4 13	2 00	20 70
June 14, 1907	Dorcas Peabody Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	100 00	3½%	19 74	4 16	2 00	21 90
Dec. 31, 1907	Hannah E. Howard Fund	Granite Sa ings Bank, Milford, N. H.	125 00	3½%	23 59	5 18	3 00	25 77
Dec. 31, 1907	Hannah E. Howard Fund care Benj. Parker lot	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	125 00	3½%	30 86	5 42	3 00	33 28
June 15, 1908	Almira L. Dascomb Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	100 00	3½%	21 00	4 23	3 50	21 73
Apr. 26, 1909	Moses Clark Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	100 00	3½%	9 33	3 81	2 50	10 64
Jan. 11, 1911	Nancy B. Pevey Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	300 00	3½%	39 66	11 86	3 50	48 02
June 26, 1911	Maretta H. Snow Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	100 00	3½%	7 02	3 74	2 00	8 76
Feb. 8, 1912	Curtis Bellows Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	25 00	3½%	3 44	98	2 00	2 42
Nov. 25, 1912	Alicia K. Putnam Fund	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	50 00	3½%	2 46	1 82	2 00	2 28
June 28, 1907	Mary A. Woodman Fund	City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	200 00	4%	26 68	‡9 16	4 00	31 84
June 28, 1907	Charles Rideout Fund	City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	50 00	4%	14 67	‡2 62	2 00	15 29
June 28, 1907	Andrew N. Burton Fund	City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	200 00	4%	96 45	‡11 90	2 50	105 85
June 28, 1907	Phœbe S. Putnam Fund	City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	100 00	4%	14 78	‡4 62	3 50	15 90
June 28, 1907	Jacob Kendall Fund	City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	100 00	4%	17 42	‡4 77	5 50	16 69
Jan. 9, 1914	David A. Gregg Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	200 00	3%	46 52	7 40	5 00	48 92
Jan. 9, 1914	John Gage and Hannah Holt	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	6 13	3 16	2 00	7 29
Jan. 9, 1914	Wm. & Wm. W. Parker Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	200 00	3%	5 18	6 14	3 50	7 82
Jan. 9, 1914	Peter H. Putnam Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	4 76	3 13	2 50	5 39
Jan. 29, 1914	Ira Wilkins Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	3 75	3 10	2 50	4 35
Feb. 13, 1915	Garduer C. Blanchard Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	4 46	3 13	00	7 59
Feb. 18, 1915	Charles Spalding Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	2 50	3 08	1 00	4 58
Feb. 4, 1916	Emma F. Tarbell Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	100 00	3%	28	2 75	00	3 03
Feb. 23, 1916	Cordelia Sheldon Fund	Indian Head National Bank, Nashua	200 00	3%	4 50	5 00	3 00	6 50

*All funds for care of cemetery lots. ‡To April 1, 1916.

Report of Library Trustees

TRUSTEES

D. E. Proctor, President	David Whiting
Geo. G. Blanchard, Sec'y-Treas.	Daniel Cragin
LIBRARIAN	Bessie F. Bales
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN	Mrs. Jennie F. Barnes
CUSTODIAN	Warren P. Putnam

With another year of library work drawing to its close, and although the call for reading has not materially increased during the year yet the library privileges are well appreciated by our citizens. The trustees wish to extend to Miss Mary N. Abbot their thanks and appreciation of her many years of service and faithful labor, who felt it her duty on account of failing health to resign her position as librarian, and Miss Bessie F. Bales, her efficient assistant, was appointed to that position, with Mrs. Jennie F. Barnes as assistant, and we feel that they have performed their duties to the general satisfaction of the patrons of the library.

We feel that the time is near at hand when the Gregg Free Library Reading Rooms should be opened on Sunday afternoons. The income from the general endowment of the Hon. D. A. Gregg and other donors is such that we ask no aid from the town this year.

It is with sadness we note the passing of one of our trustees who had been a member of the board for twenty seven years and who in sickness as well as in health was invariably present at all our meetings and by his wise counsel was a directing force in the Gregg Free Library. He was the presiding officer at the dedication nine years ago. He believed in the Gregg Free Library; he believed in all things that were for the uplift of the educational interests of his town. And out of respect for his memory the board has postponed to a later date the selection of his successor.

D. E. PROCTOR
For the Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Librarian of the Wilton Public Library for the year ending February 15, 1917:

Accessions

N umber of volumes in library Feb 15, 1916	9454
Accessions by purchase	201
Accessions by bound magazines	27
Number of gifts accessioned	35
Total number of volumes Feb 15, 1917	9717

Circulation

Number of days open		154
Number of volumes given out	10,237	
Number of magazines given out	2812	
Total number given out		13,049
Total number of books and magazines given out for the year ending Feb. 15, 1916		15,333
Total number of books and magazines given out for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917		13,049
Difference in circulation between 1916 and 1915		2284
Average circulation for year ending Feb. 15, 1916		103
Average circulation for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917		85
Money received from fines		$43 77

Books Donated

State of New Hampshire	3
National City Bank ofNew York	1
United States Government	5
Arthur A. Carey	1
Hudson Maxim	1
A. U. Betting	1
Railway News Company	1
Advance Grange	1
Miss Louise Fitz	19
Friends	10
	43

Magazines Donated

Wilton Journal, Nashua Telegraph and The Protectionist, by the publishers, The Christian Register by the Woman's Alliance, The Christian Endeavor World by the Y.P.S.C.E.,Our Dumb Animals by Mrs. Mary Langdell, Our Four-footed Friends by a friend, The N. H. Issie by the Anti-Saloon League, The Christian Science Journal and Christian Science Sentinal by the Christian Science church, The Magnificat by Father Reddin, The World Outlook by Rev. S. C. Sherman, Our Sunday Visitor by John Pelletier.

Respectfullysubmitted

BESSIE F. BALES.

FINANCIAL REPORT

George G. Blanchard, Treasurer
in account with Wilton Public Library:

Dr

Balance from last year		$863 95
Fines		43 77
Sale of stove		2 50
Concord & Montreal dividend on 4 shares		28 00
C. H. Burns Fund income		79 75
D. A. Gregg Fund income		
Penna. R.R.	$240	
Chicago Junction R. R.	264	
U. S. Steel Co.	175	
Newport & Fall River R. R.	150	
Western Union	180	
Pullman Co.	120	
American Sugar Refining Co.	140	
American Agricultural Chemical Co.	90	
Col. Southern Ry. Co.	20	
		1379 00
		$2396 97

Cr.

Miss M. N. Abbott, Librarian	$112 50
Miss B. F. Bales, Librarian	245 50
Mrs. J. F. Barnes, Assist. Librarian	35 23
W. P. Putnam, janitor	360 00
D. Whiting & Sons, coal & wood	154 86
H. D. Cheever, insurance	229 45
Milford Light & Power Co.	65 33
Wilton Telephone Co.	18 10
Wilton Water Works	6 00
N. Cragin	4 65
C. B. Smith	3 60
Gregg & Sons	11 50
F. Bergami	1 45
D. Sumner	5 23
White Mountain Freezer Co.	10 50
H. P. Ring	2 50

A. Gaedeke	5 00	
H. H. Barber	2 25	
B. F. Bales, supplies	5 39	
W. P. Putnam, supplies	4 34	
D. E. Proctor	3 22	
Cash on hand	1,110 37	
		$2396 97

Geo. G. Blanchard, Treasurer
in account with Geo. A. Newell Fund:

Dr.

Concord & Montreal R. R. dividend on 18 shares $126 00

Cr.

Books purchased $126 00

Geo. G. Blanchard, Treasurer
in account with Geo. O. Whiting Fund:

Dr.

Int. on 5,000 N. Y. N. H. & H. bonds $200 00

Cr.

Books purchased	$142 23	
Care of books, J. F. Barnes	57 77	
		$200 00

Geo. G. Blanchard, Treasurer
in account with Clara E. Lewis Fund

Dr.

Dividend on 20 shares Chi. Jct. R. R. $120 00

Cr.

Books bought $120 00

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Approved, D. E. Proctor.

SEXTON'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1916.

Date of Death		Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Where buried
				Years	Months	Days	
Jan.	3	Merrimack	Robert J. Schellinger			10	South Cemetery
"	6	Wilton	Mary P. Stevens	76	8	5	No. Lyndeboro
"	7	Temple	Mary P. Barry	22	9	21	Mt. Calvary
Feb.	18	Cambridge Mass	Lillian E. Whitney	49			Laurel Hill
"	23	Wilton	Infant Smith				" "
"	27	"	Emily A. Hesselton	75	2	7	South Cemetery
Mar.	4	"	Amy H. French	21	3	19	Laurel Hill
"	18	"	Maria L. Higgins	84	7	11	Rowe, Mass
Apr.	6	Nashua	Edward F. Kelley	39			Mt. Calvary
Feb	11	Portland, Me	Gertrude A. Stevens	7		9	Laurel Hill
Apr.	9	Wilton	Carl F. Avery			17	" "
May	4	Nashua	Perley J. Abbot	50	4	23	" "
"	10	Middletown, Conn	Kate S. Hutchinson	73	11	26	" "
"	14	Nashua	Charles E. Savage	59			" "
"	16	Milford	Ruth E. Smith		9	7	" "
"	25	Greenfield	Caroline L. Tarbell	80	8	22	Vale End
June	4	Wilton	Julia R. Ingalls	77		26	Milford
"	5	"	George Whiting	55	3	21	Laurel Hill
"	8	Lyndeboro	Sybil P. Parker	77	8		" "
*Dec.	15	Milford	Francilla A. Henderson	72	8	8	" "
June	21	Londonderry	Josephine R. Cook	77	6		Vale End
"	19	Albany, N. Y.	Eugene A. Graves	59	8	25	Laurel Hill
July	13	Wilton	Hyacinth Berube	73			Mt. Calvary
"	22	"	David Masson	66			E. Chelmsford Mass
"	25	Nashua	Mary Whitney	39	9	14	South Cemetery
"	29	Wilton	Levi H. Blood	86	11	21	Laurel Hill
"	29	Nashua	Johanna C. Kennedy	33			Mt. Calvary
Aug.	3	Wilton	Napoleon Dufault	58		10	" "
"	5	"	Mabel L. Lawrence	48	3	13	Laurel Hill
Sept.	5	Worcester, Mass	William A. Barnes	70	2	7	" "
"	22	Boston, Mass	Henry H. O. Russell	56	6	6	" "
"	26	Nashua	William S. Farmer	71			" "
Oct.	6	Hancock	Mahala M. Clark	86	6	17	" "
"	17	Wilton	Jacob Dick	63	4	7	" "
"	22	Nashua	Hannah A. Coffin	50	7	5	Milford
"	25	Wilton	Lucy M. Barker	73	11	28	Vale End
"	28	Nashua	Elizabeth Kelley	49			Mt Calvary
"	30	Milford	Philomene Compagnon	43			Mt. Calvary
"	31	Concord	Arthur Latour	16			South Cemetery
Nov.	3	Grasmere	Emily Eaton	89	11	21	" " "
"	9	Wilton	George E. Bales	54	1	26	Laurel Hill
"	20	"	Hortense Willette	41	5	3	Mt. Calvary
"	24	"	Irene A. Fairfield	4	2	10	" "
"	29	Milford	Weikke A. Wesoja			0	Laurel Hill
Dec.	6	Concord	Daniel B. Gilson	75	9	4	South Cemetery
"	10	Milford	Donelda Lefebre	2	4	2	Mt. Calvary

*Dec. 15, 1915. Mrs. Henderson removed from tomb in Milford.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD A. HESSELTON, *Sexton.*

Births Registered in the Town of Wilton for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of Birth		Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Jan.	7	Wilton	Edna Elizabeth		F	L	5	All white	Stephen R. Boutwell	Grace M. Fish	All white	Wilton	Teamster	Temple	Temple
Feb.	14	"	Charles Ulysses	M			2		Luther M. Langdell	Annie Kopcho		"	Auctioneer	Wilton	Pittsburg Pa
"	14	"	William Henry	M		"	6		Henry F. Robie	Ida Dague		"	Laborer	Chester	Vermont
"	16	"	Donald Oscar	M		"	4		Forrest J. Shurt'eff	Theresa M. Hossback		"	Herdsman	Chester Vt.	Beacon Falls Ct.
"	23	"	Infant Smith		F	S	1		Rupert W. Smith	Annie Balmforth		"	Mechanic	Lyndeboro	England
Mar.	1	"	Leroy Clifford	M		L	2		Joseph W. Robbins	Cora Mills		"	Blacksmith	Derry	Rockland Me
"	11	"	James William	M		"	3		James F. Hodgson	Clara Wilkerson		"	Cabinet m'kr	England	England
"	15	"	Jane Forbes		F	"	1		Perley J. Abbott	Jennie A. Forbes		"	Auto repair	Wilton	Lee
"	22	"	Carl Freeman	M		"	5		James E. Avery	Mabel Brooks		"	Wood work'r	Wilton	New Boston
"	23	"	George Howard	M		"	6		Edward N. conrad	Mary Reardon		"	Ice business	Nova Scotia	Ireland
"	23	"	Arthur Joseph	M		"	4		Rudolph Jarest	Angelina Gagnon		"	Butcher	Canada	Canada
April	24	"	Paavo Jaakola	M		"	3		Mike Jaakola	Emily Pontinien		"	Farmer	Finland	Finland
May	13	"	Barbara Whiting		F	"	6		David Whiting	Helen M. Porritt		"	Grain & milk	Wilton	Rochdale Eng.
"	22	"	Harry Brown	M		"	4		Charles Brown	Myra E. Parlee		"	Farmer	Mason	Chelmsford Mass
June	1	"	Jefferson Cook	M		"	1		Erland B. Lyford	Alice M. Weston		"	Barber	Auburn, Me	Wilton
"	3	"	Thomas, Jr	M		"	1		Thomas D. McGrath	Albina M. Martin		"	Mill op'r'tive	Wilton	Lowell Mass
"	21	"	Paul Joseph	M		"	11		Joseph Paro	Mary Cherbeno		"	Mill op'r'tive	Greenville	Greenville
July	6	"	Pierre J.		F	"	6		Arthur Simineau	Virginia Butcher		"	Mill op'r'tive	Canada	Canada
"	10	"	Maria M. L.		F	"	6		Augustus Dionne	Margaret Soucie		"	Stone w'rk'r	Canada	Canada
"	10	"	Elizabeth		F	"	2		Leonard S. Morrison	Marion Gleason		"	Supt. Schools	Penacook	Mont Vernon
"	13	"	Dorothy Viola		F	"	1		George L. Tuttle	Mabel L. Corliss		"	Carpenter	Rindge	New Boston
"	19	"	Margaret Frances		F	"	1		John F. Beal	Edith W. Dean		"	Garage propt	Wilton	Nova Scotia
"	27	"	Madeline Alice		F	"	3		Irvin L. Follansbee	Florence A. Dicey		"	Laborer	Weare	Alexandria
Aug.	1	"	Alfred Broderick	M		"	1		Alfred J. Carrigan	Ethel E. Broderick		"	Nurse	Burlington Vt.	Boston Mass.
"	3	"	Helen		F	"	2		Romeo Vanni	Alice Vanni		"	Fruit mercht	Italy	Italy
"	17	"	Mary		F	"	1		Thomas McPolin	Mabel Carter		"	Soldier	Scotland	Wilton
"	18	"	Abbie I. L.		F	"	3		William Wesoja	Mary Wuoremus		"	Mill op'r'tive	Finland	Finland
"	18	"	Helen Irene		F	"	5		Charles Sheldon	Rosa Labelle		"	Farmer	Wilton	Quebec, Can.
"	23	"	William Albert	M		"	3		William A. Stoddard	Winona Tyler		"	Laborer	Columbia N H.	Victory Hill Vt.
Sept.	4	"	Evelyn Marion		F	"	1		Joseph Miller	Evelyn Farrell		"	Laborer	Mineville N.Y.	Wilton
"	10	"	Nellie		F	"	5		Lorenzo E. Dow	Gertrude A. Colby		"	Farmer	Winslow Me.	Francestown
"	16	"	Philip Edward	M		"	2		George A. Clark	Daisy Gilman		"	Laborer	E. Weare	Woodsville

BIRTHS—Continued

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Oct. 6	Wilton	Walter Sherman	M	..	All living	1	All White	Walter Wright	Charlotte Kelley	All White	Wilton	Teamster	Lyndeboro	Worcester Mass.
" 26	"	Kenneth Raymond	M	..		1		George R. Dunham	Edith Bulfinch		"	Mechanic	Monson Mass	Woburn Mass.
Nov. 3	"	Joseph Edward	M	..		1		Joseph E. Ring	Bertha E. Weston		"	Mechanic	N. Chelmsford Ms	Wilton
" 6	"	Gordon Richard	M	..		2		Carl R. Rood	Lucy N. Bent		"	Laborer	Winooski Vt	Nova Scotia
" 7	"	Helena	..	F		5		Hugo Schultz	Minnie Young		"	Mill op'r'tive	Pascoag R. I	Wilton
" 28	"	Charles Roy	M	..		9		Edward FitzGerald	Emma Schmidt		"	Mill op'r'tive	West Swanzey	Germany
Dec. 7	"	Gladys F.	..	F		1		John Pierson	Mertie Wright		"	Laborer	New Boston	Lyndeboro
" 27	"	Lena Louise	..	F		2		Walter C. Frost	Ruth Hutchinson		"	Engineer	Milford	Wilton
" 30	"	Isabel Louise	..	F		2		Alfred Martin	Georgiana Dubie		"	Laborer	Lowell Mass	Canada

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wilton for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 28	Greenville	Alcid Milot	Wilton	21	All white	Mill operative	Canada	Majorique & Adeline	Canada	Mill op'r'tive	1	Uldoric Godin.
		Alice Derosiers	Greeville	19		Mill operative	Greenville	Emile & Alice	Canada	Mill op'r'tive	1	Clergyman, Greenville
Mar. 14	Nashua	Carl H. Rood	Nashua	27		Farmer	Swanton Vt	George & Adeline	Watertown N Y Can	Hostler	1	T. E. Cramer.
		Lucy N. Frost	Wilton	25		Housekeeper	Bridgeton N S	William & Sophie	Nova Scotia	Laborer	3	Clergyman. Nashua
Mar. 25	Wilton	Nestor Hudakainen	"	26		Mill operative	Finland	Andrew & Sandra	Finland		1	Stanley C. Sherman.
		Mandi Laaksa	"	29		Mill operative	Finland		Finland		1	Clergyman, Wilton
May 10	Wilton	Cyrus M. Ingalls	"	74		Engineer	Stoneham Mass	Oscar & Eliza			8	Edward P. Daniels.
		Julia R. Rideout	"	76		Housekeeper	Hollis	Francis & Louisa	Hollis		2	Clergyman, Wilton
May 15	Wilton	Charles E. Drake	"	40		Barber	Pittsfield	William & Jemima	Maine & Epsom		2	Stanley C. Sherman.
		Annie L. Tolford	"	27		At home	Wilton	Frank & Jane	Bedford N.w port Vt	Meat cutter	1	Clergyman, Wilton
May 22	Wilton	Adelaid Picard	"	22		Laborer	Canada	George & Lila	Canada	Laborer	1	Thomas Redden.
		Louise Martin	"	26		Mill operative	Greenfield	Joseph & Annie	Canada	Laborer	1	Priest. Wilton
July 7	Wilton	Joseph Miller	"	19		Farmer	New York	Morris & Nellie	New York	Farmer	1	Stanley C. Sherman.
		Evelyn Farrell	"	22		Housekeeper	Wilton	Philip & Grace	Vermont & Wilton	Farmer	1	Clergyman. Wilton
July 12	Wilton	Walter J. Jowders	"	23		Herdsman	Temple	Daniel & Georgiana	Salem & Beverley		1	Stanley C. Sherman.
		Helen E. Draper	"	21		Housekeeper	Wilton	Dustin & Carrie	Greenfield & N B	Teamster	1	Clergyman. Wilton
July 22	Rockingham Vt	Fred George Paro	"	21		Spinner	Wilton	Joseph & Mary	Wilton Greenfield	Mill op'r'tive	1	T.E.O'Brien. Justice of Peace, Bellows Falls.Vt
		Gloria Anna Frazer	Milford	18			Milford	Samuel & Josephine	Quebec Greenville		1	Andrew Groop. Clergyman. Fitchburg Mass
Aug. 12	Fitchburg Mass	Paaro Nordlund	Wilton	25		Laborer	Finland	Victor & Helma	Finland	Laborer	1	Thomas Redden.
		Emmi Wuori	"	30		Mill operative	Finland	Anna	Finland		1	Priest. Wilton
Aug. 15	Wilton	Thomas S. McPolin	"	19		Soldier	Norwood Mass	Thomas & Elizabeth	Scotland & Ireland		1	J. H. Wilson, Clergyman.Framingham Mas
		Mabel V. Carter	"	20		Mill operative	Wilton	Edward & Bathsheba	Wilton		1	Thomas Redden.
Aug. 16	Wilton	Herbert H. Archibald	"	24		School teacher	Waltham Mass	Fred & Annie	Truro & Lexington	Teacher	1	Priest. Wilton
		Frances Bales	"	23		Kindergarten	Wilton	George & Abbie	Wilton	Lawyer	1	Dudley Tyng.
Aug. 21	Wilton	John F. Hurley	"	21		Mill operative	Wilton	James & Ellen	Milford & Lowell		1	Clergyman. Milford
		Louise M. Dunn	"	23		At home	Boston Mass	James & Mary	Ireland		1	Matthew Creamar.
Sept. 5	Wilton	Charles J. Defoe	"	30		Mill operative	Wilton	Louis & Emma	Canada		1	R C Clergyman Nashua
		Marian C A Lachance	"	23		Mill operative	Baldwinv'l Mas	Robillier & Clara	Canada	Farmer	1	
Sept. 12	Wilton	John A Weston	"	24		Teamster	Wilton	Fred & Ida	New Ips. Stoddard	Farmer	1	
		Lillian Kelley	"	21		Housekeeper	Holden Mass	Samuel & Charlotte	England		1	
Sept. 20	Nashua	Michael E. Kennedy	"	45		Teamster	Wilton	Michael & Johanna	Ireland		1	
		Catherine T. Winn	Nashua	35		Housekeeper	Nashua	Thomas & Bridget	Ireland	Moulder	1	

MARRIAGES.—*Continued.*

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Sept. 25	Wilton	Carl S. Tolford	Wilton	28	All white	Dyer	Wilton	George & Emma	Bedford JerseyCity	Butcher	1	Edward P. Daniels,
		Ruth A. Weston	"	21		Stenographer	"	Fred & Ida	NIpswichStoddard	Farmer	1	Clergyman, Wilton
Oct. 6	Wilton	Walter Wright	"	19		Teamster	Lyndeboro	Abram & Gertie	LyndeboroGreenfd	Section hand	1	Stanley C. Sherman,
		Charlotte Kelley	"	18		Mill operative	Worcester Mas	Samuel & Charlotte	England		1	Clergyman, Wilton
Oct. 21	Wilton	Frederick H. Taylor	NewYork C	22		Clerk	New York	John & Emma	New York	Merchant	1	Edward P. Daniels,
		Catherine C. Carlisle	NewYork C	22		Student	New York	John	New York	Attorney	1	Clergyman, Wilton
Oct. 23	Wilton	Chester B. McGrath	Wilton	20		Mill operative	Wilton	James & Mary	CodvilleHarrisville	Engineer	1	Thomas Redden,
		Orlie Paro	"	18		Mill operative	"	Joseph & Mary	NIpswichGreenvll	Mill op'r'tive	1	Priest, Wilton
Oct. 24	Wilton	Joseph E. Ring	"	19		Mechanic	Chelmsford Ms	Harry & Frances	Wilton,Charleston	Printer	1	E. M. Grant,
		Bertha E. Weston	"	16		Housekeeper	Wilton	Fred & Ida	NIpswichStoddard	Farmer	1	Clergyman, Wilton
Nov. 23	Bellows Falls Vt	Fred G. Austin	"	45		Sawyer	Pe erboro	Charles &. Fanny	Mason&Peterboro	Farmer	2	J Wallace Chesboro,Clergyman, Bellows Fall, Vt
		Annie B. Goldsmith	"	24		Houseke per	Wilton	Caleb & Blanch	Wilton & Maine		1	
Dec. 4	Wilton	John C. Pearson	New Boston	24		Laborer	New Boston	Edward & Mary	NewBostonGoffstn	Farmer	1	Stanley C. Sherman,
		Mertie E. Wright	Wilton	18		Weaver	Lyndeboro	Abram & Gertrude	Lyndeboro Greenf	Section hand	1	Clergyman, Wilton

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wilton for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, marr'd, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Place of birth. Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 6	Mary P. G. Stevens	76	8	5	Lyndeboro	F	All white	W	Retired	Lyndeboro	Pelham	John C. Goodrich	Parmelia Atwood
Feb. 23	Infant Smith				Wilton	F				Lyndeboro	England	Rupert W. Smith	Annie Balmforth
Feb. 27	Emily A. Hesselton	75	2	7	"	F		W	Housekeeper	Wilton	Salem	Theron Russell	Elizabeth Wilson
Mar. 14	Amy H French	21	3	19	"	F		S	At home	Wilton	Lyndeboro	Edwin A. French	Oliva B. Tyler
Mar. 18	Maria L. Higgins	84	7	11	Rowe, Mass	F		W	At home	Rowe, Mass		Joseph Brown	
Apr. 9	Carl F. Avery			17	Wilton	M		S		Wilton	New Boston	James F. Avery	Mabel Brooks
Apr. 25	Paavo Jaakola			1	"	M		S		Finland	Finland	Mike Jaakola	Emily Poutinun
June 4	Julia R. Ingalls	77		26	Hollis	F		M	Housework			Jewett	
June 5	George Whitney	55	3	21	Wilton	M		M	Milk contr'r	Wilton	Lowell, Mass	Harvey A. Whiting	Mary E. Spalding
July 13	Hyacinth Berube	73			Canada	M		M	Laborer	Canada	Canada	Francis Berube	
July 22	David Masson	66			"	M		W	Retired				
July 29	Levi H. Blood	86	11	20	Temple	M		W		Temple	Temple	Howard Blood	Rhoda Pierce
Aug. 3	Napoleon Dufault	58		10		M		M	Laborer	Canada	Canada	Lewis Dufault	
Aug. 5	Mabel L. Lawrence	48	3	13	Wilton	F		D	At home	Wilton	Adrian, Mich	Andrew J. Putnam	Sarah F. Whitney
Oct. 17	Jacob Dick	63	4	7	Germany	M		M	Musician	Germany	Germany	Jacob Dick	Caroline Schnyder
Oct. 25	Lucy M. Barker	73	10	28	Wilton	F		M	Housewife	Wilton	Marlboro	Samuel Burton	Elvira Jones
Nov. 9	George E. Bales	54	1	26	"	M		W	Lawyer	Wilton	Greenfield	Charles A. Bales	Frances Hardy
Nov. 20	Hortance Willette	41	5	3	Canada	F		M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Damase Doucette	Elodice Rheault
Nov. 24	Irene A. Fairfield	4	2	10	Wilton	F		S		Milford	Greenfield	Albert Fairfield	Myra Sylvester

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN A. FRENCH, *Town Clerk.*